

# SPLOST Phase 8



**March 3, 2020 Work session**

# SPLOST Projects





# What is a SPLOST



- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
- A SPLOST is an optional one percent county sales tax used to fund **capital outlay projects** proposed by the county government and participating qualified municipal Governments.
  - **Capital Outlay defined – O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 (1)**
  - **Authorized Projects – O.C.G.A § 48-8-111(a)(1)**

# Today's Agenda

- Project Priorities from February 13, 2020 meeting
- New requests
- Other projects to be considered
- Open items from February 3<sup>rd</sup> worksession

# February 13, 2020 work session priorities

	Project	Amount
<b>Public Safety</b>		
	RCCI new Facility	\$ 15,000,000
<b>Quality of Life</b>		
	Dyess Park	6,000,000
<b>General Government</b>		
	Cyber Deck Debt Retirement	16,500,000
	Administrative Costs	5,000,000
	Interest on Bonds	4,000,000
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
	Resurfacing	75,000,000
<b>Government Facilities</b>		
	Juvenile Court Facility	14,300,000
	Animal Services Facility	8,000,000
<b>Other Governments</b>		
	Blythe & Hephzibah (estimate)	5,898,100
		<u>\$ 149,698,100</u>
<b>TBD</b>		
	Depot Parking Deck - estimate (850 spaces @ \$23,000 per space)	\$ 20,000,000
	Suggested target for total collections	\$ 250,000,000

# Priorities by Category

Category	Requested	Committed / Semi-Committed	% of Projected Total Collections
Public Safety	\$ 104,598,270	\$ 15,000,000	6.00%
Quality of Life	331,118,862	6,000,000	2.40%
General Government	45,552,250	25,500,000	10.20%
Infrastructure	286,194,806	75,000,000	30.00%
Government Facilities	55,091,800	22,300,000	8.92%
Economic Development	8,900,000	-	0.00%
Other Governments	5,898,100	5,898,100	2.36%
Blythe			
Hephzibah			
NGO Agencies	72,004,663	-	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 909,358,751</u>	<u>\$ 149,698,100</u>	<u>59.88%</u>

**Projected Total**

**\$ 250,000,000**

# Requests received since February 13, 2020

Category	Agency	Project	Amount
NGO	<i>Augusta Mini Theatre</i>	<i>250 seat theater</i>	<i>\$ 5,000,000</i>
NGO	<i>Augusta Jewish Museum</i>	<i>Building Renovations</i>	<i>3,515,188</i>
NGO	<i>Georgia Museum of Military History</i>	<i>New Museum</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>
NGO	<i>Imperial Theatre</i>	<i>Building Renovations</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>
Total			<u><u>\$ 12,515,188</u></u>

# Open items

- Project Methodology
  - Funding projects at requested amounts vs reduced funding level
    - Reduced funding levels will reduce the scope of the project
  - Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
    - Consider projects requested by NGOs?
      - **No funding** was provided to NGOs in SPLOST Phase 7
      - To qualify project would need to be owned by Augusta
      - Continue use of NGO requirements previously adopted



# Key Dates for November 3, 2020 Election

- **May 7, 2020** – Intergovernmental meeting
- **May 19, 2020** – SPLOST 8 project list approved
- **June 16, 2020** - Intergovernmental agreement approved by Augusta
- **July 7, 2020** - Commission passes SPLOST resolution
- **July 13, 2020** - Board of Election issues call of election
- **November 3, 2020 – Election Day**

# Work sessions and Public Meetings

- **February 14 to May 18, 2020** – meetings to discuss and develop project lists
- **July 14 to October 31, 2020** – meetings to provide information about SPLOST 8 projects

# Proposed Election Date

*November 3, 2020*

# Resources

- Augusta Georgia Finance Department
  - SPLOST 8 Webpage
  - [www.augustaga.gov/2731/SPLOST-8](http://www.augustaga.gov/2731/SPLOST-8)
- Georgia Municipal Association
  - SPLOST: Building for the Future
  - [www.gmanet.com/Publications.aspx?CNID=19957](http://www.gmanet.com/Publications.aspx?CNID=19957)
- ACCG
  - Guide for County Officials
  - [www.accg.org/content.asp?contentid=1715](http://www.accg.org/content.asp?contentid=1715)



# Questions